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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, 9:30 a.m., in SD-106 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The Committee will consider S. 1648, Preventing Addiction to Smoking among Teens (PAST) Act.

For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, will be held on Thursday, March 19, 1998, 10:00 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996: First Year Implementation Concerns. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 887, a bill to establish in the National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes; S. 991, a bill to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, and for other purposes; S. 1695, a bill to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado; and, Senate Joint Resolution 41, Approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special

Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on March 16, 1998, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONFIRMATION OF JUDITH M. BARZILAY

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I'm pleased that the Senate confirmed the nomination of Judith M. Barzilay to a seat on the Court of International Trade.

Over the past 16 years, Ms. Barzilay has had a unique mix of experiences that I believe will make her an excellent Judge on this most specialized court. I strongly supported her nomination.

Ms. Barzilay has worked as an attorney in the field of international law for both the government and the private sector. In the private sector, she also worked as a manager and business advisor.

Ms. Barzilay began her career in international trade law in 1983 as an attorney with the International Trade Field Office of the U.S. Justice Department in New York City. In that position it was her job to represent the U.S. Customs Service before the Court of International Trade on matters such as import classification and the valuation of imported goods. It was also her job to defend the legality of Customs' seizures and import prohibitions before the court.

She also represented United States manufacturing interests in fair trade cases.

In 1995, Ms. Barzilay was appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin to his advisory committee on Customs Service Operations and was recently reappointed for a second term.

Currently, Ms. Barzilay is the Vice President of Government Affairs with Sony Electronics, where she handles such cutting edge trade issues as world standards for High Definition Television and the Information Technology Agreement.

She also sits on the executive board of the American Association of Exporters and Importers and chairs its committee on trade policy.

Ms. Barzilay's expertise in international law is well known and she has lectured before groups such as The National Association of Manufacturers, The Council on Logistics Management and the World Trade Association of Southern California.

Although she has a busy professional life, Ms. Barzilay has always found time to do volunteer work in her community. She often speaks at local high schools, educating students on the importance of international trade. She also works as an advisor to the Bergen County, New Jersey, court system in an innovative program that tries to reduce repeat crime by putting juvenile offenders through mock trials.

When you put it all together, Judith Barzilay will be a welcome addition to the Court of International Trade and I again applaud her confirmation.●

INDICTMENT AND PROSECUTION OF SADDAM HUSSEIN (S. RES. 179)

• Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, on Friday, March 13, the Senate considered a resolution calling for an international criminal tribunal to indict and prosecute Saddam Hussein for his crimes against humanity. Mr. President, I was unavoidably absent for the vote due to the passing of a dear friend in North Carolina, but I would like the record to reflect that I would have strongly supported this resolution.

I commend Senator LOTT for his efforts to bring this resolution before the Senate. It is needed. Saddam Hussein is a remorseless murderer with absolutely no regard for the well-being of his people, the welfare of his nation, and the value of world peace.

Seven years ago, Saddam Hussein recklessly sacrificed international stability with his invasion of Kuwait. Since then, he has continually threatened the security of the world's people. Time and again, he has demonstrated his willingness to build, store and possibly deploy chemical and biological weapons. His actions have led to two decades of suffering among his neighbors and his people, and for his crimes he should be tried and punished.

Mr. President, I am pleased that diplomatic resolution was brought to our most recent clash with Iraq, and I hope that it will last. But, in the end, this fragile agreement is nothing more than a renewal of broken accords from the past. It is by no means unreasonable to believe that Saddam Hussein will again return to his lying ways. We must remain vigilant and prepare for that time.●

REAUTHORIZATION OF ISTE A

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to discuss my vote against the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, also known as ISTEA.

As we all know, the ISTEA bill is vital to the transportation needs of each state in the nation. Not only does the bill affect highway construction, but it supports mass transit, highway safety, and many other important programs.

The original ISTEA bill of 1991 was a landmark in transportation policy. In Wisconsin, it was a blighted landmark. That bill continued Wisconsin's historical standing as a state that contributed more in Federal gas taxes than it received in return. Unfortunately, this bill continues this sorry legacy.

With this bill, certain states continue and make out like bandits when